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Mr Thomas W. Fergus,

- 1) I want to protect the ecologically significant lands at Hanford because it is one of the last places in eastern Washington supporting large areas of native Shrub-steppe vegetation and related wildlife.
- 2) I support the Preferred Alternative, but with some modifications, including:
 - A) The following adjoined DOE lands should be managed as a permanent National Wildlife Refuge: the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve, the McGee Ranch, DOE's entire Wahluke Slope, the Hanford Reach, and the Columbia River islands. This will provide large, continuous "crescent" of protected habitat lands surrounding central Hanford.
 - B) To ensure long-term protection for key native species and systems located across the site (including central Hanford), there should be no agricultural, commercial mining, or livestock

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grazing permitted.

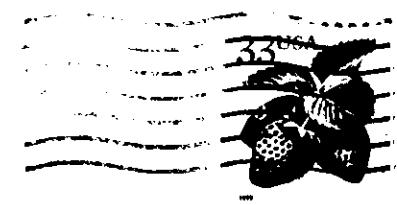
- 3) To expedite a final decision on management of uncontaminated lands, DOE should issue separate decisions for the areas mentioned above (2A).

Thank you.

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